

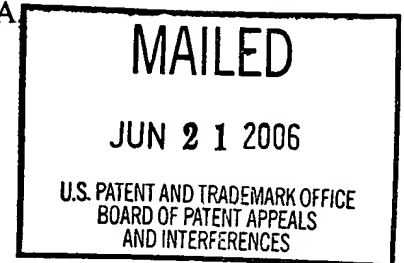
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte: YOSHIHISA SUZUKI, SAYOKO TANAKA
HITOSHI NOGUCHI, and HIROKI ISHIDA

Application No. 09/964,874

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL



This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 9, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellant filed two Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) dated October 25, 2004 and March 9, 2005. There is no indication on the record that either of the Information Disclosure Statements were considered by the Examiner. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's consideration is required.

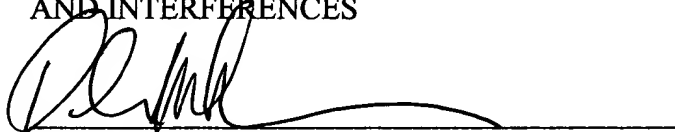
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- 1) consideration and proper written response to the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 25, 2004 and March 9, 2005;
- 2) to notify appellant of such consideration; and
- 3) for any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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